



# VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS

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## Journal

JULY 2017

Dear Residents,

When it comes to long term planning, the federal government defines sustainability as: "Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly on our natural environment. To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support our current and future generations." When it comes to leadership, operations, and accountability, I believe Walton Hills is ranked near the top amongst several municipalities. Over the last 50 years, our Village has faced many of the same challenges that other communities face, but we were blessed with wealth during that time to make it through. Beginning in 2001, I feel that our community would have been better served in the long run if we were held accountable with our operations and planned to sustain our Village's future instead of relying on the past. The leaders of our community are now trying to change the past and sustain the future in the present. The current administration's goal remains the same as it's been during the last seven years: serving our residents, improving our economy, and repairing Walton Hills' infrastructure.

The Village's leaders asked you, the taxpayer, to be involved in the process of balancing our operational budget for the next four years. With a firm vote of 57% you said without a doubt, you wanted the Village to operate the budget the same as in the past. Even though the proposed levy was a safety levy, the vote made was loud and clear: "No new 5-mil increase to support our safety forces." Remember, the temporary levy would have only lasted for four

years and held your elected officials accountable to live within the terms that were presented to residents numerous times at the town hall meetings. The temporary levy would have been able to be rescinded by Council once we were "back on our feet."

Because the levy failed, we're now faced with figuring out other ways to save money and sustain our community's future. The decisions that will be made in the coming months will be difficult ones, but the entire community, residents included, will have to work together to keep Walton Hills a great place to work, play and live. Personal matters need to be pushed aside, the past needs to stay in the past and we need to strive to sustain the future by working together in the present.

During last month's second Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.) meeting, more than 100 residents showed up to discuss the failed levy and voice their concerns to the entire Village Council regarding the possibility of downsizing in our police department. Please make no mistake, we are considering the possibility of downsizing in the police department as the Union contract recommends having only 10 full time police officers, not 12 full time as we have now, and certainly not 16 full time as we had in 2011, but residents will still be well protected. Two officers will be working each shift with a third officer working a split shift during the hours when the Village experiences a higher volume of traffic, and other calls. This will provide coverage throughout the Village to assist residents and non-residents alike with emergency and non-emergency related police calls.

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## Your Village Officials

Top row: Councilpersons Gloria Terlosky, Paul Rich, Mary Brenner-Miller, Brian Spitznagel

Bottom row: Councilman Don Kolograf, Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilman Denny Linville

## Legislation Approved at the 6.20.2017 Regular Council Meeting

Council meeting minutes are available in their entirety on the Village website

**Ordinance No. 2017-10** amends Section 1256.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills.

**Ordinance No. 2017-11** amends Chapter 1062 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills, with respect to the multi-purpose room in the Village of Walton Hills.

**Resolution No. 2017-14** authorizes and provides for the employment of the assistant to the law director/prosecutor for the Village of Walton Hills; fixing the term, duties, and compensation from July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2020.

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Happy July 4th

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# Fiscal Officer's Report

**Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer / Don Kolograf, Finance Committee Chairman**

The Walton Hills Education Network STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) scholarship is available to full-time, or newly graduated, high school seniors and undergraduate college students pursuing degrees in STEM-related fields. There are two \$1,000 scholarships available that are sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. Applicants must have a minimum of two years of residency in the Village of Walton Hills to qualify. The application can be found on our website, [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov), or can be picked up at the Village Hall. Please return the completed application by Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to:

The Walton Hills Education Network / 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146

The Walton Hills Education Network, WHEN, is a 501(c) (3) organization formed in 2015 under Mayor Hurst's administration. WHEN operates strictly on donations and is not financed using any municipal funds.

## Mayor's Letter

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There will be times, however, when officers are working on emergency calls, like domestic violence incidents or traffic crashes where they'll be tied up and unable to respond immediately to non-emergency calls in Walton Hills. That scenario, though would impact less than 1% of our population.

I am confident that we'll get through this difficult time. There are several options on the table that are being discussed to sustain our Village and as we continue to be a transparent administration, we will not keep residents in the dark when it comes to the changes that will occur in the future. We have already transformed Walton Hills into a more accountable, structured entity because of our

transparency, and that will continue into the future. We have accomplished more with less revenue while maintaining a positive attitude. I still believe Walton Hills outshines other local communities in the region and with correct decision making, we will continue to be blessed.

We're exploring several opportunities to sustain our Village, but I want to remind residents that there are already programs in place that benefit you, our businesses and future investors to boost our economy while striving for sustainability. One of those programs is the Community Reinvestment (CRA). This program benefits residents as well as our businesses and future investors. This program allows you to make improvements to your home

and receive a tax break for up to 15 years. You can learn more about that online at [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov). We have all of the same or similar programs that other communities offer as well as programs that the state offers. We have offered several job creation packages to our businesses to allow investors to repair and grow their companies. If we work together, we will get through this difficult time in Walton Hills' history.

Don't forget to celebrate our great nation this July 4<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless You and God Bless America,

*Kevin Hurst*

Mayor/Safety Director, **I.G.I.T.**



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## Honoring the Fallen

On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Village of Walton Hills honored the men and women of our armed forces who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation. Nearly 60 people attended the observance that paid tribute to those brave men and women. A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the Memorial Day observance.

Pastor Bob Sepkovich of The Gospel House Church provided the keynote address. Members of the Walton Hills Police Department and the Oakwood Village Fire Department assisted with the rifle salute, raising the flag and laying the memorial wreath. A special thanks to Pastor Eric Keffer of the Walton Hills Church of Christ for conducting the opening prayer. And a special thanks to musician Andy Avery and Bedford High School students Jordan Briggs and Daniel Burrell for providing our patriotic music for the ceremony.



**Oakwood Village Fire Captains Chris Manzo and Brian Dirocco lay the memorial wreath to honor the fallen after Auxiliary Officers Ron Licker and Briana Molnar raised the American and POW flags.**

### REMINDER:

**The Village Hall will be closed on Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Celebrate Safely



**Here are a few tips to keep in mind to celebrate the Fourth of July safely.**

**Sun:** Protect your skin against the sun with SPF and reapply often!

**Water:** Make sure that everyone has proper skills to swim and keep an eye on young children and check flotation devices for leaks.

**Grilling:** Don't ignite charcoal with gasoline or lighter fluid. Use heat resistant tools and never lean over an open flame.

**Fireworks:** Keep a safe distance from fireworks displays and remember that sparklers remain hot enough to burn skin after they burn out!

**Did You Know?** More pets get lost on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July than any other day of the year. According to national statistics, animal control officials across the country see a 30-60% increase in lost pets each year between July 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. In fact, July 5<sup>th</sup> is one of the busiest days of the year for shelters. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, play it safe and keep your pet inside!



# July Recreation News

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov  
Mary Brenner-Miller, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

## Event: MARKET GARDEN BREWERY

**Date:** Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Leaving Community Center (14660 Alexander Road) at 10:55am

**Site:** Downtown Cleveland

**Cost:** \$8

**Note:** Tour the brewery and receive three tastings! Stairs are on this tour. We'll have lunch at the Market Garden Restaurant.

## Event: SENIOR LUNCH

**Date:** Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 11:15am

**Site:** Walton Hills Lake

**Cost:** \$5

**Note:** Join us at the lake for burgers and sausage! If you want to attend, please sign up no later than Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

**Date:** Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 7pm

**Site:** Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

**Cost:** One food item for our Village pantry.

## LOOK AHEAD TO AUGUST

## Event: WALTON HILLS COMMUNITY DAY

**Date:** Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Noon-10pm

**Site:** TG Young Park

**Note:** Food, games, entertainment, beer garden, BINGO and more! Come and have fun the whole day with family and friends!

## Walton Hills Events Transportation

The Recreation and Community Life Department would like to advise residents that all trips and/or events that require transportation will be departing from the Walton Hills Community Center located at 14660 Alexander Road.

For July, this will include the following trips/events: Market Garden Brewery!

*Thank You!!!*

## CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book, "The Girl Before," by J.P. Delany.

We rated this book:



Out of 5

## 2017 Summer Concert Series

It's time once again for Oakwood Village's Summer Concert Series at the Hawthorne Valley Shopping Center's parking lot, 23100 Broadway Avenue. The concerts are free and will be held from 7-9pm. If it rains or is too hot, the concerts will be held in the Mt. Zion Fine Arts Center located across from Petitti Garden Center. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** LaFlaVour : Ohio's #1 Lounge Act

**July 20<sup>th</sup>:** SHOUT! With the Legends of Soul

**July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Jersey Beat Showband plus the James Alexander Jazz Trio: Tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons

**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Original Tribute to The Eagles

# Walton Hills Community Center

14660 ALEXANDER ROAD – (440) 786-2964

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov  
Mary Brenner-Miller, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

## ABS & ASSETS / FITNESS FOR FEMALES OVER FORTY

Instructor, Brenda Walker

**Date:** Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7-8pm

**Site:** Walton Hills Community Center

**Cost:** Residents – 5 classes for \$45

Non-Residents – 5 classes for \$55

**Note:** Challenge your body, strengthen your core and glutes, and get your heart going! Dress comfortably, wear tennis shoes and bring your exercise mat if you have one!

## DREW'S YOGA CLASS

**Date:** Thursdays, August 17<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Site:** Walton Hills Community Center

**Cost:** Residents – 10 sessions for \$90

Non-Residents – 10 sessions for \$100

Drop-in - \$12

**Note:** Vinyasa Yoga (power yoga). Please be sure to bring a water bottle, yoga mat, and a towel (if possible, beach towel sized).

## Walton Hills Community Center Clubs

**Card Club:** Join us at the Community Center for cards! We'll learn a new game or play some of your favorites! This club is open to card sharks of all ages! Every Tuesday from 1-3pm

**Knit-wit-2-needles:** All ladies are welcome to come and visit to knit, crochet and lend ideas or group projects! This will be held every Tuesday beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Join in the fun even if you don't know how to knit or crochet!



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# What is Creditable Coverage?

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

In the health insurance world, *creditable* coverage is insurance coverage you had in the past that you get credit for when applying for new health insurance. In some cases, your new insurer can penalize you for not having had similar coverage in the past. However, if you had similar creditable coverage in the recent past, you'll get credit for that coverage and won't be penalized. This is why when you receive a **certificate of creditable coverage** from your insurer, it is important for you to keep it.

One situation where creditable coverage comes into play relates to Medicare Part D. If you don't sign up for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage when you're first eligible for it, usually when you turn 65, you will be penalized by paying higher monthly premiums if you later decide to buy Medicare Part D coverage. This rule is in place to prevent people from "gaming the system." Without this rule, you could forgo Part D coverage to save on monthly premiums when you have low drug costs, but sign up for Part D coverage when your monthly drugs are more expensive than the monthly insurance costs

would be. Medicare prevents this gaming of the system by requiring those who do not sign up for Medicare Part D on time, to later pay a penalty in the form of higher monthly premiums. For every month, for which you were eligible for insurance, and you go without coverage, your Medicare Part D premium will be 1% higher. If you sign up 25 months late, your premiums will be 25% higher for as long as you have Medicare Part D.

However, it's not really fair to penalize you with higher premiums if the reason you didn't buy Medicare Part D coverage when you first became eligible was because you already had similar prescription drug coverage through your job, union, spouse, or a retiree plan. In this case, you weren't trying to game the system; you were trying to avoid paying twice for the same coverage. This is where the concept of creditable coverage arises. If you're able to show you had other coverage providing the similar benefits, you will be given credit for that coverage and pay the normal premium, not the penalty premium. Prescription drug coverage that counts as creditable coverage for Medicare

Part D must meet both of the following criteria:

- Prescription drug coverage you had continuously without a break in coverage of 63 days or more since you were first eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D.
- The actuarial value of the insurance is equal to or greater than the actuarial value of a standard Medicare Part D plan. (You can get this verified by the provider of your plan).

How do you know if your current prescription drug coverage will count as creditable coverage for Medicare Part D? Your current insurer should tell you. Insurers are required to send a notice of creditable coverage to all of their enrollees who are eligible for Medicare Part D coverage. This notice should come before your initial Medicare part D eligibility period and before each subsequent open enrollment period.

## Senior Fee to National Parks

Older people can expect a big jump in the fee for a lifetime pass to visit national parks, as part of a larger move to pay for major projects and enhanced services. The fee for citizens 62 and older will go from \$10 to \$80. An annual pass will cost you \$20, which you can apply to the cost of a lifetime pass at a later point if you decide to buy one.

If you get a lifetime pass before the change is implemented, it will only cost \$10. Passes can be purchased for an additional service fee of \$10 online. National Park Service officials are unsure how long it will take to implement the change, but it's expected before the end of 2017.

# Street Commissioner's Report

**Dan Stucky, Street Commissioner / Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman**

The service department should be able to complete several drainage and sewer repair projects that we've been trying to address since early spring. We'll continue the brush chipping service as long as we can, but with a reduced staff and an older piece of equipment, there may be times when we'll need to pull our chipping crew to assist with other duties around Walton Hills, meaning we may not brush chip throughout the entire Village on a weekly basis.

The Oakwood Village Fire Department recently began flushing hydrants. Because of the change in pressure, there have been several water main breaks, causing travel and water quality issues around the



Village. Walton Hills is responsible for repairing any street damage once Cleveland Water repairs the waterlines. The water department will reimburse Walton Hills for the asphalt repairs, but only to the extent of the actual excavation area of the repair hole.

Any additional pavement alongside this excavation must be paid for by the Village. Most water main breaks damage more asphalt area than the repair requires which can be costly. Hydrant flushing needs to be done to ensure they're working properly in case of an emergency. This also allows the fire department to notify the water department if any of the hydrants need repaired or replaced.

## Independence from Chemicals



This month as you celebrate Independence Day, remember to treat your lawns independent of chemicals! Here are few environmentally friendly tips:

- Learn to identify good and bad bugs. Many beneficial insects visit yards and should be left alone. Beneficial bugs feed on common pests. Find a strategy to foster healthy, balanced garden ecology.
- Purchase a garden insect guide
- Control pests with natural oils like neem and garlic. Only use neem oil when necessary, it is a natural broad spectrum insecticide that kills beneficial insects too.
- Sharp mower blades = happy grass blades! By mid-summer, mower blades have dulled, this causes stress to the lawn.

**Did You Know?** Adding organic matter to the soil, like compost or compost tea, relieves stress and feeds beneficial soil microbes. Studies have shown that a healthy microbe population will out compete most of the pathogens that cause fungal diseases in the lawn.

**Reminder: Trash pickup will be delayed because of July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**It will be collected Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.**



# WHO IS MAN'S BEST FRIEND?

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

So, who is man's best friend? Many of you would answer a dog, some would say a cat. After taking a tour of Fieldstone Farm in Bainbridge Township, I would have to say horses are in the running for the title of man's best friend. Founded in 1978, Fieldstone Farm is a 45-acre therapeutic riding center. It has helped people challenge their limits and achieve goals they never thought possible!

Horses can reach people in extraordinary ways: People with autism and Down syndrome may say their first words, adults with multiple sclerosis and children with neurological disorders improve balance and gain strength. Wounded veterans find comfort and hope at Fieldstone Farm. Horses can sense our needs without uttering a word. They help turn fear into trust, anxiety into peace and sadness into joy. Horses can feel if you're uncertain, unbalanced, or weak. They challenge you to become confident, balanced, and strong.

For a child who's unable to walk, riding on a horse's back can teach



them coordination and understanding of space that cannot be replicated in any other activity. The farm is home to thirty of these beautiful and majestic equines. More than 250 volunteers are side by side with the therapy horses, helping make a difference in the lives of their students. Fieldstone Farm is a 501 (c) (3) organization. It receives 55% of its financial support through private donations, 19% from lesson fees, 16% from special events, 9% from endowment and 1% in other ways. In a year's time, Fieldstone Farm serves the needs of nearly 750 students.

The mission of the organization is to use the therapeutic power of horses to discover and nurture the special abilities of individuals, families, and communities.

**If you're interested in learning more about Fieldstone Farm, give them a call at (440) 708-0013 or visit them online at [www.fieldstonefarmtrc.com](http://www.fieldstonefarmtrc.com).**

## Thank You Carol James Florist


Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week.

*Please patronize this wonderful florist!*  
**Their phone number is 440.786.1811.**



# Calendar of Events

## July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day Village Hall Closed 	5 Historical Resource Center Open 1-3pm & 7-8:30pm  Abs & Assets Fitness for Females Over 40 7pm	6 Mayor's Court 4pm	7	8 Trash Pickup (July 4 <sup>th</sup> )
9	10 Blood Drive 2-6pm  Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm	11	12 Market Garden Brewery Leaving at 10:55am	13 Mayor's Court 4pm	14	15
16	17 Antique Car Club 7pm	18	19	20 Mayor's Court 4pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Mayor's Court 4pm	28	29
30	31 Senior Lunch 11:15am Carol's Bookworms 7pm					

**Women's Exercise Class** - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Community Room

**Mahjongg** - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

**For the most up-to-date info, call the Village Voice Info Line 440.735.5001 Option 5**  
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